

## **CHAPTER 33-04-09 DEATH REGISTRATION**

### **Section**

33-04-09-01	Acceptance of Incomplete Death Certificate - Delayed Certificate of Cause of Death
33-04-09-02	Attending Physician Not Available
33-04-09-03	Hospital or Institution May Assist in Preparation of Certificate

**33-04-09-01. Acceptance of incomplete death certificate - Delayed certificate of cause of death.** If the attending physician or coroner is unable to complete the medical certification of cause of death or if the funeral director is unable to obtain the personal information about the deceased within the prescribed period, the funeral director shall file a death certificate form with all available information completed. Such certificates shall be the authority for the local registrar or subregistrar to issue a burial transit permit.

A supplemental report providing the information missing from the original certificate shall be filed with the state registrar as soon as is possible, but in all cases within thirty days.

The supplemental report shall be made a part of the existing death certificate. Such reports shall not be considered an amendment, and the death certificate shall not be marked "amended".

**General Authority:** NDCC 23-02.1-04, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 23-02.1-19

**33-04-09-02. Attending physician not available.** An associate physician who relieves the attending physician while the attending physician is on vacation or otherwise unavailable may certify to the cause of death in any case where the associate physician has access to the medical history of the case, provided that the associate physician views the deceased at or after death and that the death is from natural causes. In all other cases in which a physician is unavailable, the coroner shall prepare and file the medical certification of cause of death.

**General Authority:** NDCC 23-02.1-04, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 23-02.1-19(3)

**33-04-09-03. Hospital or institution may assist in preparation of certificate.** When a death occurs in a hospital or other institution and the death is not under the jurisdiction of the coroner, the person in charge of such institution, or the person's designated representative, may, when the cause of death is known, initiate the preparation of the death certificate by all of the following:

1. Place the full name of the deceased and the date and the place of death on the death certificate and obtain from the attending physician the medical certification of the cause of death and the physician's signature.

2. Present the partially completed death certificate to the funeral director or person acting as such.

**General Authority:** NDCC 23-02.1-04, 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 23-02.1-19